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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Approving the USTelecom petition is a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers. Already US consumers pay more and get less speed than many European and East Asian countries; we need more competition, rather further consolidation, in the interest of US consumers--to bring us up to the standards of other developed nations.

As a nation, we cannot compete with others if our citizenry is hobbled by high cost and low speed of internet access. For the richest nation in the world, gouging our citizens is shameful.

You have the power to increase completion and national productivity: For the sake of us all, use it.

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